

HONORING CHUCK FOWKE

**HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Chuck Fowke, a home builder and developer from Valrico, Florida, who on February 10th concluded his successful term as the 2021 chairman of the National Association of Home Builders.

As chairman, Chuck confronted the challenges he and his fellow builders faced during the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. His steady leadership at NAHB during the past year has paid great dividends as the housing industry has overcome new challenges.

Chuck provided a laser-like focus to keep housing moving forward by working with the administration and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to resolve issues pertaining to the price and availability of building materials, and the supply chain in general. He personally testified before Congress on this issue in October, calling on lawmakers to determine what action can be taken to address our nation's troubled building materials supply chain.

These efforts are paying dividends. Chuck and the NAHB have been working tirelessly to reduce lumber tariffs that have contributed to unprecedented price volatility and harmed housing affordability. These efforts proved successful as the Commerce Department announced on Jan. 31st that it would be lowering tariffs on Canadian lumber imports into the U.S. from 17.99 percent to 11.64 percent—a 35 percent reduction.

As founder and president of Homes by John C. Fowke Inc., Chuck has built hundreds of homes throughout Central Florida and the Tampa Bay area. He is dedicated to his industry, having previously served as president of the Tampa Bay Builders Association and the Florida Home Builders Association. In 2019, he was inducted into the Florida Home Builders Association Hall of Fame.

Chuck also recognizes the importance of giving back to the community he's helped build, having served as chairman of the Charity Women's Crisis Center's Addition and Renovation Committee. He contributed to the efforts of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Joshua House and completed a project for the Gary Sinise Foundation for a deserving military widow and her children.

I congratulate Chuck on his efforts to ensure that housing remains accessible and affordable to America's families. I congratulate him on his successful tenure.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call Nos. 58 and 59 on March 7, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call Nos. 58 and 59.

HONORING THE KENTUCKY  
SCIENCE CENTER'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Kentucky Science Center—located in my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky—as this outstanding institution celebrates its 150th anniversary.

Originally founded in 1871 as a “cabinet of curiosities” in the Public Library System of Kentucky, what was soon known as the Louisville Museum of Natural History and Science has grown in size and scope to become the largest hands-on science center in the Commonwealth and one of our region's leading resources for education immersion.

Simply put, they make science fun. At the core of the Kentucky Science Center's mission are these simple instructions: “play, tinker, explore, collaborate, test, experiment, goof up, and try again.” Though their focus is helping teach their visitors about a specific field of study, I can't think of more fitting instructions for any endeavor of learning, no matter your age.

Their approach makes learning accessible to people from all walks of life. Whether you're an individual, a family, or an educator with a classroom full of students, the Kentucky Science Center has a seemingly never-ending supply of programming tailored to meet your needs, helping you think big and learn more. Understanding the important role STEM education plays in our future, the Kentucky Science Center has been an invaluable resource in advancing this field of study for all who are lucky to pass through its doors, helping us prepare the next generation of leaders right here in Louisville.

On behalf of the people of Kentucky's Third Congressional District, I thank the administrators, staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Kentucky Science Center for all of their hard work in making this place of learning such a valuable asset to our community. The Kentucky Science Center has encouraged us to think critically, to immerse ourselves in the marvels of science, and to stay forever curious. I congratulate them on this important milestone and I look forward to another 150 years.

HONORING BURLINGTON HIGH  
SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM**HON. MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burlington High School Boys Basketball Team for their first appearance in the Iowa High School State Tournament since 1987.

These extraordinary young men have worked tirelessly to hone their skills and overcome obstacles during this season. I am extremely honored to represent these young men in Congress and proud that their hard work was rewarded by an appearance in the

state tournament. I look forward to seeing this program continue to grow and develop and cannot wait to see more tournament appearances soon.

HONORING SERVICE OF MSGT  
JOSHUA UPTON**HON. VICKY HARTZLER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Master Sgt. Joshua Upton, crew chief with the 131st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has recently been selected as the 131st Bomb Wing's Maintainer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Joshua Upton has distinguished himself as an essential leader in the B-2 mission, providing both hard work and high performance while stationed and deployed. He was awarded with an incentive flight in a B-2 Spirit bomber on January 9th. Sgt. Upton's leadership as an aircraft-dedicated crew chief has led to the execution of 18 sorties and 145.9 flying hours in support of 16 higher headquarters missions.

Aircraft mechanics are essential to the maintenance, safety, and success of our Armed Forces. Without their long hours of hard work and commitment to detail, these sorties would not be possible. Mechanical teams and their crew chiefs work each day around the clock to ensure constant readiness for military aircraft that are vital to our national defense. Our adversaries never rest and neither do our aircraft maintenance squadrons.

It is a great honor that I recognize the dedicated service of Master Sgt. Joshua Upton. His steadfast leadership and continuous devotion to each mission are part of what make our military the best in the world. I am proud of his accomplishment and his team of aircraft maintenance technicians for earning this recognition. Please join me in congratulating him for his dedicated service to our Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE  
OF JONATHAN B. HOTCHKISS TO  
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM MU-  
SEUM**HON. CHRIS PAPPAS**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathan B. Hotchkiss's long history of volunteerism and nearly 20 years of service to the New Hampshire Farm Museum in Milton, NH. For the past two decades, Jonathan has served his community as a steadfast supporter of New Hampshire agriculture and culture.

Jon worked with the Farm Museum in a variety of capacities including the facility maintenance, cost-saving program development, grant writing, reenactments, and as both a member and President of the Board of Trustees. He worked tirelessly to develop community and business relationships that enabled the museum to become more organized, creative and financially stable.

As public health precautions during the coronavirus pandemic caused many institutions to close their doors to the public for prolonged periods of times and face financial hardship. Due to Jon's hard work developing the museum's innovative cost-saving program, the Farm Museum gained a financial stability that has helped it weather the continuing pandemic.

Prior to 1900, nearly 90 percent of New Hampshire residents lived on a farm. Our state's history is deeply tied to its agriculture and Jonathan's commitment to the preservation of this history is commendable.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank Jonathan for his continued dedication to the Granite State and wish him the best as he transitions from his work with the museum.

IN RECOGNITION OF TEMPLE  
ISRAEL OF SCRANTON'S 100TH  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Temple Israel of Scranton and its congregation who will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Temple's founding June 10–12, 2022. The congregation was organized in July 1921, but the celebration to mark this joyous occasion was postponed because of the COVID–19 pandemic.

On July 14, 1921, a group of Jews gathered at the YMCA in response to urging by their peers to establish a modern synagogue in the City of Scranton. The result of that founders meeting was Temple Israel, a synagogue that “would comply with the thoughts of the American Jew and would be conducted in accordance with the best traditions of Judaism.” On September 21, 1921, Rabbi Alfred H. Kahn was installed as the first rabbi. During the final months of 1921, a Hebrew School was organized, the Temple was granted its charter, and the constitution and by-laws of the Temple were adopted.

On April 11, 1923, plans to build a new Temple began, and a committee to oversee the process was formed with Isadore Finkelstein as chairman. Over the next three years, the committee drafted a report, raised funds, approved architectural plans, and hired contractors. On May 18, 1926, they broke ground for the new Temple, and on September 11, 1927, Rabbi Max Arzt dedicated the Temple in the afternoon and an evening banquet followed. The celebrations continued throughout the week with a Hebrew School Night, Ladies' Auxiliary Night, Open House Night, the Dedication Ball, and culminated with religious services on Friday and Saturday.

Rabbi Arzt, who served Temple Israel from 1924 to 1939 before joining the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City, was not the only prominent clergy member to lead the congregation. Other distinguished clergy include Rabbis Simon Shoop and David Geffen and Cantor William S. Horn, who served 50 years as cantor and youth in-

structor for the Temple Israel Junior Congregation and Hebrew School, which educated thousands of Scranton's Jewish youths over the past 100 years.

Today, Temple Israel remains the only Conservative Synagogue in Lackawanna County and boasts a vibrant and welcoming congregation in the heart of the City of Scranton. Rabbi Miriam Spitzer, one of the first female rabbis, and Cantor Vladimir Aronzon, who has served for more than two decades, are the Temple's current clergy. They, along with the dedicated volunteers who serve as officers and on the board of directors, work tirelessly to foster an environment and community to meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of their members.

I am honored to join with Rabbi Spitzer and the entire Temple Israel congregation in celebrating 100 years of worship in the City of Scranton. Temple Israel has been an essential part of the Scranton community and Lackawanna County at large as a center for Jewish thought, learning, and worship. This multigenerational congregation that celebrates diversity, spirituality, and community has welcomed countless worshipers over the years, and I know it will continue to be a beacon of Jewish faith and tradition for many generations to come.

GRAYSON FOX

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Grayson Fox for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Grayson Fox is a student at Pomona High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Grayson Fox is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Grayson Fox for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING MR. SCOTTY RAINES

**HON. AUSTIN SCOTT**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Scotty Raines of Turner County for being named the 2022 Georgia Farmer of the Year.

Scotty is a lifelong contributor to the agriculture industry. After high school, he was an

active member of the Turner County High School FFA chapter and worked as a farm technician for Agra Tech Seed Research. He began farming full-time in 1993, partnering with his father-in-law on 500 acres of rented land and establishing a personal herd of 30 beef cows. Scotty has spent 28 years expanding and diversifying his farming operation, emphasizing marketing strategies related to the cotton, corn, peanuts, and watermelons he produces on more than 2,300 acres today. His contributions to the local community and outstanding agricultural achievements have not gone unnoticed.

As a senior member of the House Agriculture Committee, I am honored to represent outstanding farmers such as Scotty. It is individuals like him that make Georgia, and America, great.

RECOGNIZING MIKE SCHULTZ OF  
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

**HON. TOM EMMER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike Schultz of St. Cloud, Minnesota, for his participation in the 2022 Winter Paralympics. Mike competed for Team USA in the Men's Snowboard Cross and Banked Slalom races.

Mike has not only inspired other athletes with his diligent training and perseverance, but he started his own company to design high-performance lower limb prosthetics for other amputees to participate in competitive sports and activities.

His dedication has paid off. Congratulations to Mike for bringing home a silver medal for Men's Snowboard Cross and coming in fifth for Men's Banked Slalom. I am proud to count such an amazing athlete and innovator among my constituents in the Sixth District.

IN RECOGNITION OF JACKSONVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL 4A STATE TITLE

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2022*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jacksonville High School boys' basketball team for winning the AHSAA Class 4A state title.

On March 4, 2022, The Jacksonville Golden Eagles played fast and left no doubt as to who deserves to be state champion, beating Escambia County 85 to 49 to secure their title win. The game was played at Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

Cade Phillips was named tournament MVP. This was head coach Shane Morrow's first year and the Golden Eagles' first basketball state title.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Morrow, the basketball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Golden Eagles.